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Khmer Communist forces have maintained control over the key waterway leading to the besieged southwestern capital at Kampot. Insurgent pressure against the city itself has slackened in the past few days, however. Kampot's defenders have continued to receive effective support from the Khmer Air Force, and over 500 reinforcements arrived in the city on April 9. The Cambodian Army high command—preoccupied with the situation at Kampot—has suspended the operation to retake the town of Oudong, 25 miles northwest of Phnom Penh. Combat has remained light in the immediate capital area.

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